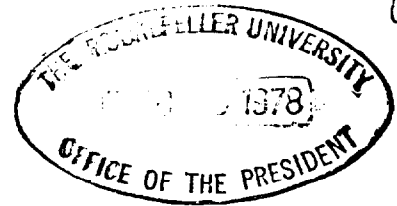


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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
President  
The Rockefeller University  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I don't believe I've had a more stimulating evening than the one with you, your colleagues, and friends. I've often lamented, and have written about, the tendency of some people who ought to know better to think in terms of two distinct cultures, a form of thinking that often becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Our worlds are different in some ways, to be sure, but the similarities are much more crucial. We are, after all, trying to do the same sorts of things in our attempts, in all sorts of ways, to improve the quality of life. I realized during my interesting dinner conversation with Dr. Nichols how similar, in many ways, our goals are. And I want to wish you much success in your position as leader of one of the truly great institutions, an institution that will clearly continue to have important affects on the lives of all of us, whether we are scientists, humanists, or simply human beings!

Again, my warm thanks for a delicious evening.

Most cordially yours,

*Joel Conarro*

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